

#19 wj  
35-09**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent via Facsimile on the date shown below to (703) 872-9306, addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.  
Date: February 10, 2004

Sonia V. McVean  
Sonia V. McVean

**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****FEB 10 2004****OFFICIAL****PATENT  
38413.7**

Applicants: Tsukasa YAMAMOTO et al.	
Serial No.: 09/221,656	Art Unit: 3628
Filed: December 23, 1998	Examiner: F. Poinvil
Title: PRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR RETAIL GOODS AND A RAW MATERIAL ORDERING SYSTEM	

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****STATUS INQUIRY LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We filed a Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Patent Application Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) along with an Amendment on August 6, 2003. The Petition was granted on October 24, 2003. (Copy of the Decision on the Petition is attached hereto).

As of this date, we have not received a Supplemental Office Action from the Patent Office. Kindly advise us of the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 10, 2004

Joseph R. Keating  
Joseph R. Keating  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 37,368

**KEATING & BENNETT LLP**  
10400 Eaton Place, Suite 312  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
Telephone: (703) 385-5200



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
P.O. Box 1450  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

Paper No. 28

Joseph R. Keating  
Keating & Bennett  
10400 Eaton Place, Suite 312  
Fairfax, VA 22030

COPY MAILED

OCT 24 2003

In re Application of  
Tsukasa Yamamoto et al.  
Application No. 09/221,656  
Filed: December 23, 1998  
Attorney Docket No. 38413.7

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

ON PETITION


This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed August 8, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to file an appeal brief (and fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)) within the time period provided in 37 CFR 1.192(a). As an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) was not filed within two (2) months of the Notice of Appeal filed January 23, 2002, certificate of mailing dated November 8, 2001, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained, the appeal was dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 1.192(b) & 1.197(c). As no claim was allowed, the above-identified application became abandoned on January 9, 2002. See MPEP 1215.04.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 3628.

  
Latrice Bond  
Paralegal Specialist  
Office of Petitions  
Office of the Deputy Commissioner  
For Patent Examination Policy

7413  
10400 Eaton Place  
Suite 312  
FAIRFAX, VA  
Phone: (703) 385-5200  
Fax: (703) 385-5080

**KEATING & BENNETT LLP**

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

FEB 10 2004

**OFFICIAL****Fax**

**To:** Examiner Poinvil  
**From:** Joseph R. Keating  
**Fax:** 703-872-9306  
**Date:** February 10, 2004  
**Phone:**  
**Pages:** 3  
**Re:** 09/221,656  
**CC:**  
38413.7

**•Comments:**

Examiner Poinvil:

Please find attached the following documents for the above-identified application:

1. Status Inquiry letter; and
2. Copy of the Decision on the Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph R. Keating  
for  
KEATING & BENNETT, LLP  
(Reg. No. 37,368)